UNITED NATIONS

Convention to Combat Desertification

Distr.
LIMITED

ICCD/COP(1)/L.5
7 October 1997

Original: ENGLISH

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
First session
Rome, 29 September - 10 October 1997
Agenda item 7

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CONFERENCE AND OTHER DECISIONS AND CONCLUSIONS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Programme of work of the Conference of the Parties

The Conference of the Parties,

1. Decides to include the following standing items on its agenda:

(a) review of the implementation of the Convention, and of its institutional arrangements, pursuant to article 22, paragraphs 2 (a) and 2 (b), and article 26, of the Convention;

(b) review, pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2 (d) of the Convention, of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology, including its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties and its programme of work, and the provision of guidance to it;

(c) review, pursuant to the same article, of the report of the Global Mechanism on its activities, and the provision of guidance to it;

(d) review of available information regarding the financing of Convention implementation by multilateral agencies and institutions, including information on the activities of the Global Environment Facility concerning desertification that relate to its four focal areas, as specified in article 20, paragraph 2 (b) of the Convention; and

(e) adoption or adjustment of the programme and budget.

2. Further decides to review the implementation of the Convention at its second session on the basis of statements and documents presented by delegations at that session before implementing at its third session the procedures adopted in its decision ...

3. Also decides to include the following selected items on the agenda for its second session and, if necessary, its third session:

(a) promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions in accordance with article 8 and article 22, paragraph 2 (i), of the Convention;

(b) consideration and adoption, pursuant to article 27 of the Convention, of procedures and institutional mechanism for the resolution of questions that may arise with regard to implementation; and

(c) adoption, in accordance with article 28, paragraph 2 (a), of the Convention, of an annex containing arbitration procedures.

4. Requests the Secretariat to circulate at least three months prior to the second session of the Conference of the Parties a provisional annotated agenda, and appropriate documentation for that session, reflecting the decisions in paragraphs 1-3 above.

5. Recalls the requirement of article 21, paragraph 7, of the Convention that the Conference of the Parties shall at its third session review the policies, operational modalities and activities of the Global Mechanism and, on the basis of that review, consider and take appropriate action.